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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	May 29, 2019
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2019-170-Е
UTILITIES MATTER	<b>✓</b>	ORDER NO.	2019-391

## THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

## **SUBJECT:**

<u>DOCKET NO. 2019-170-E</u> - <u>Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Establishment of Net Energy Metering Tariff in Compliance with H.3659</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Establishment of Net Energy Metering Tariff Filed in Compliance with H.3659.

## **COMMISSION ACTION:**

Duke Energy Carolinas (or, "DEC") has submitted a revised Net Energy Metering tariff in order to provide net energy metering (or, "NEM") to DEC customers in accordance with H. 3659. I move that we approve the tariff.

DEC reached the two percent NEM threshold set forth in Act 236 in July 2018. By the Commission's approval of the Joint Petition in Order No. 2018-633, net energy metering in DEC was extended until March 15, 2019. Since that time, DEC has not offered NEM to new participants.

On May 16, 2019, the Governor signed into law H. 3659, which amends Code Section 58-40-20 (B), to provide the following: An electrical utility shall make net energy metering available to all customer-generators who apply before June 1, 2021, according to the terms and conditions provided to all parties in Commission Order No. 2015-194. Customer-generators who apply for net metering after the effective date of this act but before June 1, 2021, including subsequent owners of the customer-generator facility or premises, may continue net energy metering service as provided for in Commission Order No. 2015-194 until May 31, 2029.

Given the expiration of the March 15, 2019, extension period for net energy metering, the Company does not currently have an approved tariff in place that would apply to customers requesting NEM beginning May 16, 2019, the effective date of the new law. While H. 3659 requires electrical utilities to make NEM available to customers after the effective date of the Act, the Company does not believe it can offer NEM without an approved tariff in place. Accordingly, DEC has filed its Renewable Net Metering Rider, with a requested effective date of May 16, 2019. This tariff is substantially similar to the previously-effective Renewable Net Metering Rider, with changes merely to align the tariff with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-20(B) and § 58-40-10(C), as amended.

The Office of Regulatory Staff recommends approval.

PRESIDING: Randall SESSION: Regular TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER		<b>✓</b>		
ERVIN	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
HAMILTON		<b>✓</b>		
HOWARD		<b>✓</b>		
RANDALL		<b>✓</b>		
WHITFIELD		<b>✓</b>		
WILLIAMS		<b>✓</b>		

(SEAL) RECORDED BY: <u>J. Schmieding</u>

